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SUBJ: STEYN TO CONTINUE AS MEMBER OF SCHELEBUSCH COMMISSION

1. WHEN HE RESIGNED FROM UNITED PARTY (UP), MARAIS STEYN SAID HE WOULD GIVE UP HIS POSITION ON SCHLEBUSCH COMMISSION. PRIME MINISTER VORSTER FOLLOWED WITH STATEMENT THAT, FOR REASONS OF CONTINUITY, HE WANTED STEYN TO REMAIN ON COMMISSION. TO MAINTAIN BALANCE BETWEEN UP AND NATIONAL PARTY ON COMMISSION, VORSTER SAID UP COULD APPOINT ANOTHER MEMBER. ON SEPTEMBER 6, UP'S CENTRAL EXECUTIVE RESPONDED WITH STATEMENT THAT UP WOULD NOT ACCEPT VORSTER'S PROPOSAL TO NOMINATE REPLACEMENT FOR STEYN ON COMMISSION. IN MEANTIME STEYN HAD SAID HE REGARDED VORSTER'S OFFER AS "REAPPOINTMENT" TO COMMISSION AND HE WOULD CONTINUE TO SERVE ON IT. IN STATEMENT TO RAND DAILY MAIL HE SAID, "I AM NOW IN HANDS OF THE PRIME MINISTER."

2. COMMENT: UP LEADERSHIP'S DECISION NOT TO ADD ANOTHER MEMBER TO SCHLEBUSCH COMMISSION INDICATES IT BEING RESPONSIVE TO PERSISTENT CRITICISM WITHIN PARTY OF UP'S ROLE IN SCHLEBUSCH COMMISSION. GRAAFF AND THOSE AROUND HIM INCREASINGLY DISENCHANTED WITH SCHLEBUSCH AND REPORTEDLY WOULD LIKE TO FIND SOME WAY TO DISENGAGE FROM IT. MANEUVERING BY STEYN

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AND VORSTER MIGHT POSSIBLY GIVE THEM THE EXCUSE THEY NEED.

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